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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY Wastewater Treatment Plant April 26, 2018

Attendees:

Chairman E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson (arrived 7:33 p.m.), Elizabeth Landry and Andrew Tedford. Also present Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matt Daskal, Financial Analyst, Water Pollution Control; Dj Lupacchino, Collection System Foreman; Timothy Webb, Ellington WPCA; Richard Hayes and Wes Wentworth

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2018 AND SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 5, 2018

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mrs. Landry made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the February 22, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0). Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the March 5, 2018 Special Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPMENT AT 14 HYDE AVENUE

Mr. Wentworth presented details about a proposed apartment development comprised of 175 units and answered questions from the Authority. Relative to the sewer, he explained that three pump stations, utilizing grinder pumps, would be installed at the complex. The pump stations and the sanitary sewer within the development would be privately maintained. The Authority requested that Mr. Grasis enter in to a Developer's Agreement with Mr. Hayes.

UPDATE ON TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Mr. Grasis reported that a value engineering session was held in April to determine cost saving measures for the upgrade based on the 30 % design drawings, 30% construction cost report and the preliminary design report. The recommendations for cost saving measures were presented to DEEP, Town of Vernon officials as well as Tighe and Bond. Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Grasis for clarification/update on the Design Build Committee and would like to invite Town Administrator Michael Purcaro to a WPCA meeting to discuss the Committee. Mr. Grasis said that he will mail an updated project schedule from Tighe and Bond to the Authority. Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Grasis to reiterate to Steve Seigal that the project schedule is very important to the WPCA. A discussion took place about bid alternates.

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske reported that the plant is running well and flows were higher than last year at this time. There was an issue with a drop in the ph/alkalinity level during one day in April which had to be reported to CT DEEP Mr. Boske said. Regarding Current Activities, Mr. Grasis reported that Scranton Motors is putting in its sewer line on Route 83; the Town of Ellington is in the process of looking into upgrading two major pump stations; sludge bids were opened today and will be evaluated; and bids for the Talcottville Pump Station Emergency Generator are due on May 7th.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Mr. Daskal reported that Anna Bieniarz began April 2nd as Assistant Tax Collector. Also, collections enforcement efforts have been stepped up regarding certain delinquent accounts and to date, approximately \$110,000 (75%) has been collected.

REVIEW OF SEWER USER ACCOUNT #6241

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority authorizes the WPCA Director to place Sewer User Account #6241 into a Suspense account and issue a credit of \$24.79 for the period of December 3, 2017 to December 31, 2017 due to a fire loss. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

MANHOLE COVER AND FRAME RESET WORK ON ROUTE 83

After reviewing three quotes, Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Tedford, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the Route 83 manhole cover and frame reset work from VMS Construction Company, Vernon, CT in accordance with their proposal dated April 15, 2018 in the amount of \$15,600.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS TOLLAND LITIGATION

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion that the Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority, pursuant to the authority given in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 1-200 (6) (B) and (D) hereby moves to go in to Executive Session to discuss litigation regarding Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority V Tolland WPCA and invites Robert Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matt Daskal, Financial Analyst, Water Pollution Control, and any other persons the Water Pollution Control Authority deems appropriate to attend the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the Authority entered into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0). No action was taken on this item.

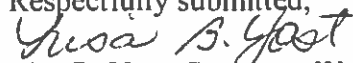
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

A discussion took place relative to the WPCA Fund Balance.

ADJOURN

Mr. Grasis spoke to Informational Item #1 and Mr. Daskal spoke to Informational Item #2. Mr. Grasis and the Authority congratulated Chairman Weaver on his appointment to President of the Connecticut Water Pollution Abatement Association. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost, Secretary Water Pollution Control